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The reply filed on December 19, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The paper is improperly signed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Response to Amendment

The proposed reply filed on December 23, 2003 has not been entered because it is improperly signed.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The applicant's Response is considered to be improperly signed because applicant has appointed a non-registered attorney to sign the amendment of the claims. Mr. Ken Ouchi who is a non-registered practitioner is not considered to be the applicant's legal representative by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Thus, examiner did not conduct examination of the newly added claims.

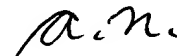
Applicants may refile the Amendment by having all inventors/applicants sign the response. MPEP 714.01(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 703-305-8074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

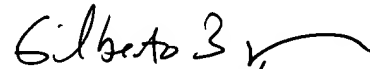
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 703-305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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